Cooperative Sugar Factories in Maharashtra

287. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cooperative sugar factories in Maharashtra together with the number of cooperative sugar factories sanctioned in 1991 and 1992 (till-date) and are under construction; and the number of proposals pending with Government;

(b) to what extent the eixsting sugarcane production in Maharashtra meets the requirements and by what percentage the supply of sugarcane falls short of requirement; and

(c) what is the rationale behind setting up of more cooperative sugar factories when the existing ones are not functioning properly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) As on 30-6-1992, there were 95 installed Cooperative Sugar Factories in the State of Maharashtra. During the year 1991 and 1992 (till 30-6-1992), 2 letters of intent were issued for the establishment of new sugar factories in the Cooperative Sector in Maharashtra. There are 38 letters of intent for new sugar factories in Maharashtra which are pending implementation. 229 proposals have been received in the Ministry of Food through the Department of Industrial Development for grant of industrial licences for setting up of new sugar factories in the State of Maharashtra which are pending consideration of the Government.

(b) During 1990-91 season (October-September) the capacity utilisation of the sugar factories in the State of Maharashtra was 131.86 per cent thereby implying that there was sufficient availability of sugarcane for the installed capacity of the sugar industry in Maharashtra.

(c) Letters of Intent/Industrial Licences for setting up of new sugar factories are granted on the basis of the licensing policy guidelines announced by the Government of India from time to time.

Sugar Cooperative Mills in Gujarat

288. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of proposals are pending with the Government of India for setting up Sugar Cooperative mills in Gujarat;

(b) if so, how many proposals are pending from Sugar Cooperatives of Gujarat;

(c) what is the number of proposals which have been cleared during the last one year; and

(d) by when the remaining proposals from Gujarat for setting up Sugar Co-operatives are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) As on 30-6-1992, 12 proposals have been received in the Ministry of Food through the Department of Industrial Development for setting up of new sugar factories in the Cooperative Sector in the State of Gujarat and are pending consideration of Government of India.

(c) During the last Sugar Year i.e. 1990-91 (October-September), one letter of intent has been issued for the setting up of a new sugar factory in the State of Gujarat.

(d) In view of the large pendency of unimplemented matters of intent/industrial licences already issued, proposals for setting up of new sugar factories are not being taken up for consideration at present.